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**Florida Members Attend  
Arts & Humanities Conference  
at Southeast Regional in Asheville, NC**



Thank you for inviting me to the Florida State Organization event at the 2019 International Conference in Asheville, NC. It was great time to renew old acquaintances, make new friends, and celebrate with the incoming and outgoing officers in your state. Everyone in attendance was well fed, as well. There are some good party planners in this state! You also provided a wonderful way for conference attendees to share their personal experiences in the arts and humanities that this conference offered. Thanks again for providing this opportunity to be with other DKG members and their guests...and especially, for letting me be part of the festivities.

Cathy P. Daugherty | International President



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## Spotlight on Florida Members

### Florida DKG Educational Foundation Award Winner: Sarah Watters

Meet the 2019 Florida DKG Educational Foundation's Award Recipient- **Sarah Watters** of **Alpha Lambda Chapter** in **District II**! She is taking a facilitator training course entitled "Happy Teacher Revolution Facilitator Training" which will provide her with the basics of starting a support group to increase the mental health and wellness of the teachers at her school. To learn more about FLDKGEF, visit their website at <https://www.fldkgef.org/award-recipients.html>



### Dr. Mona Jain Middle School Dedicated in Manatee County

The ribbon-cutting dedication of Dr. Mona Jain Middle School was held on August 8, 2019, in Bradenton, Florida.

**Dr. Mohinder "Mona" Jain** has been a member of **Kappa Chapter** in **District III** with Delta Kappa Gamma for over 40 years. With her family, she came to Manatee County in 1964. She had been a teacher and administrator in the American, British, and Indian systems of education since 1961. In subsequent years, she taught biological science, health science, and physical science at Bayshore High School in Bradenton.

Later, with the help of scholarships from Kappa Chapter, the Florida State Organization, and DKG International, Mona earned a Ph.D. at the University of South Florida, and she then went on to become a medical doctor. Dr. Jain recently retired as the director of Family Health Services for Manatee County's Head Start program.





## Florida State DKG President's Message

As we begin our new biennium, let's take a moment to reflect on how we did for the last two years. No tests, no papers, no observations, but a reflective look at ourselves.

***Did you actively participate in your chapter's meetings?***  
***Did you actively participate in your chapter's projects?***  
***What about your district?***  
***Did you attend your district's meeting?***  
***Did you offer a workshop?***  
***When was your last state, regional, or international meeting?***

Well, enough questions. You already know where I am headed. Think back to the time you first started your DKG journey. Do you still have the enthusiasm you had then? If not, why? What can you do to shake up the journey to make it exciting again?

I have been reflecting on these questions for the past few months, and you know what? I found my answer! I am doing something I never thought I would do. First, let me give you some needed background. A young lady I go to church with has recently graduated from Flagler College with a teaching degree. Ginny had some struggles and obstacles to overcome on her educational path, but she has persevered and overcome them. She has been employed in her first teaching assignment- a third grade class. We all know one of our projects in DKG has been to mentor new teachers. Well, I am volunteering for Ginny's classroom.

Not only do I think I will help Ginny with tasks in the class, giving special individual attention to needy students, but also hopefully gain a new DKG member. I am giving back the lessons I learned in 43 years of education but also providing a support system for a new teacher, who may one day become a member of our society and encourage others to membership.

I realize my answer is not for everyone, but I know each one of you can find the answer to give your DKG journey a new view and new purpose. I will keep you posted on my experiences this year and will be looking forward to seeing you at our district and state meetings.

Remember:  
 TOGETHER, WE CAN!



*Dr. Nancy Henning, President  
 2019-2021 Florida State Organization*

## Reflections on 2019 DKG Arts and Humanities International Conference



On June 27-29, 2019, Florida State Organization had a strong showing in Asheville, North Carolina, at the 2019 Arts and Humanities International Conference with 38 members attending. Many of our Florida attendees made Florida proud with their active involvements: **Carol Ann Casey, Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow, Terry Stanilonis, Bonnie Ignico, Bonnie Kelley, and Kay Clawson** presented breakout sessions with some more than one. **Roxanne Berger** of **Gamma Gamma Chapter** in **District II** and **Gerry Hacker** of **Beta Iota Chapter** in **District III** pictured on the left provided music for the prelude and postlude of the Humanities Luncheon, some Florida members sang in the chorus at the banquet, and **Bonnie Kelley** and **Peggy Dubose** photographed events.

Appropriate to the venue and theme of the conference, The Whitewater Bluegrass Co. and the J. Creek Cloggers performed at the Arts and Humanities opening Theme Night getting the conference off to a rousing start. Prior to the official opening, a variety of lawn games were available for those with a competitive spirit and willing to brave the heat.

The breakout sessions were selected based on their appropriateness to the Arts and Humanities theme. Delegates were afforded the opportunity to experience printmaking, different styles of dancing, sewing a pincushion (biscornu), sumi painting, storytelling and writing, making a paper journal or sketchbook, making a zentangle, quilting ideas, basket weaving, making an itsy-bitsy book, button art, and numerous other topics. Pictured in the photograph are **Beta Theta Chapter President Darlene Laird** from **District III** and **Beta Phi Chapter member Donna Heald** from **District I**.



At the breakfast during the General Session, **International President Cathy Daugherty** spoke on the relationship of the health of our organization to that of our own body. She used the letters CPR to point out the importance of making a **C**ommitment to our purposes, professionally and **P**ersonally applying the purposes and recognizing that revival comes from within and **R**esponsibility is the task for each member in remaining healthy, personally and Society-wise. CPR is a useful procedure to jump start a 'revival' of our great Society, but we also need sustaining measures to carry us into the future. President Daugherty called on members to "make the difference – make it real."

Dr. Kevan Frazier, speaker at the Humanities luncheon, gave a thorough and enlightening history of the city of Asheville. Sheila Kay Adams, a singer, storyteller and claw-hammer banjo player, provided a performance for the Arts Banquet that was filled with humor and foot-stomping music closing out the conference with an enthusiastic high-note!

A reception was held for Florida attendees and a few guests with over 50 attending. **2019 – 2021 State President Dr. Nancy Henning** was roasted as the incoming president with several humorous remarks. **Immediate Past President Carol Ann Casey** was inducted into the Order of the Orange Blossoms (Past State Presidents) and presented a hand-painted picture of Florida oranges and blossoms.



Many thanks to those who attended, members who presented, the organizers, hosts, and contributors for the reception (**Ginny Hunter**, her son Logan Hunter, **Carrie Frye, Merle Jones, Roxanne Berger, Jan Stevens, and Terry Stanilonis**) and contributors to the roast (**Carrie Frye, Merle Jones, Terry Stanilonis, and Darlene Laird**). Pictured on the left are **Epsilon Chapter member Ginny Hunter** in **District V** and **Executive Secretary Carrie Frye** who is a **Beta Chi Chapter member** in **District IV**.

***Working together we make Florida shine!***

## Florida Members Demonstrate Leadership at Arts & Humanities Conference

### Workshop Sessions



**Immediate Past Florida State Organization President Carol Ann Casey**, along with other outgoing Southeast Regional Presidents, presented ***Crafts for the Crafty or Just for Fun***. During the make-and-take it craft time, members got to pick from ***Pot Holder Travel Kits, All Things Roses, Mug Rugs/Coasters, and New Greeting Cards from Old***. Members started crafting and they had a blast while make and taking a little of Asheville home with them. Pictured above are members of **Delta Xi Chapter** with **Carol Ann Casey**.



**Florida State Organization Editor Bonnie Kelley** participated in a three member panel discussion entitled ***“Editors, Webmasters, Marketers - Learn and Share With the Experts.”*** An experienced webmaster, editor, and marketing expert shared secrets of success followed by an opportunity for questions and answers from attendees. This session was for anyone interested in improving their newsletters, websites, and/or marketing strategies for both experienced and novice members.

**Carol Ann Casey** co-presented a workshop entitled ***DKG Fine Arts Gallery Spotlight***. Members took an exciting tour of the Fine Arts Gallery, explored the gallery, met artists currently featured, and reviewed the easy submission process.

**Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow** presented ***Create a Vision Board, Envision Your Future***. By creating a vision board, workshop participants envisioned their future and identified four benefits of practicing visualization techniques. Members brought items to personalize their boards including photos, images of book covers, quotes, greeting cards, travel brochures, and images that represent faith, family, or professional life. Sample boards were shared.



**Bonnie Ignico** actively involved all participants in her workshop session entitled ***Sumi Painting*** which is a type of oriental brush stroke to create nature. It uses the left brain, so people who feel they are not creative can be successful. Using a bamboo brush and watercolors, members learned specific movements to easily develop a work of art.

**Kay Clawson** presented a workshop session entitled ***Leading with Harmony***. The ARTS are an important part of developing leadership for the future. Happiness and HARMONY need to become the new measure of success in many aspects of life. Attendees learned and discussed HARMONY as it refers to humanity, affectiveness, reflection, mentoring, organizations, networking, and YOU.



## Takeaway Session



Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow presented a **Ten-Minute Bookaway** in front of the fireplace in the lobby of the Crown Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort in Asheville. She answered the following questions:

- What is the Educator's Book Award?
- How can members promote the book?
- How does the award honor women authors and provide a great resource for DKG members?

## Humanities Luncheon

During the Humanities Luncheon held in the Expo Center, the Florida State Organization showcased its talent. For the Prelude, **Past Florida State Organization President Gerry Hacker** played the piano, and for the Postlude **First Vice President Roxanne Berger** joined her in playing the violin.



Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow spoke at the Humanities Luncheon about the 2019 DKG Educators Book Award. This year's winner is ***Ghosts in the Schoolyard*** by Eve Ewing. Read more about both this book and author on page 12 of this fall issue of the **Florida Rays** newsletter.



## FL DKG Educational Foundation: New Grant Available to Support Classroom Activities

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The directors of the Florida DKG Educational Foundation are pleased to announce a new grant that is available to support classroom activities and/or other activities designed by active or retired educators to implement in schools or communities.

### **Educational Grant**

The Educational Grant is available and may be used to cover costs associated with, but not limited to, the following examples: classroom activities, projects, materials, supplies, field trips, speakers, follow up activities to support previous professional development, limited equipment to support classroom activities and/or other activities. This grant is to promote educational excellence for Florida students. The maximum amount of the grant is \$1,000. Funding is available for activities that occur between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.

### **Professional Development Award**

The Professional Development Award funds participation in professional development activities sponsored by organizations or institutions other than The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This includes presentations/attendance at conferences that will contribute significantly to the educator's own professional development. The award may pay for registration fees and conference-related materials, travel, lodging, substitute teacher, if not provided by the district, and other expenses necessary for participation in the professional development activities. These activities shall take place between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.

For more information or to apply, please login to the Florida DKG Educational Foundation website at <http://www.FLDKGEF.org>. Applications are available now and are due by February 1, 2020.



Dr. Elsie Gross conducts the Annual Florida DKG Educational Foundation Board Meeting

## The 2020 Florida Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar



**Pat Litterick, Chair  
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You are invited to attend the next Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar. It will be held from June 14 – 17, 2020, at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. Applications are now available to download from the Florida State Website. This is the perfect opportunity for you to take some well-deserved time for yourself. The goal of the seminar is to focus on professional, personal, and Society issues.

Whether you are a new educator looking to sharpen your skills, a seasoned professional pursuing advancement, or a retiree seeking a refresher, there is a meaningful experience waiting for you at the seminar. We gather on Sunday afternoon with get-acquainted activities and events which provide fellowship and opportunities for all attendees to connect with each other.

During the seminar, there will be opportunities to participate in a variety of learning experiences. These sessions address thoughtful concepts in today's educational environment and the rapidly changing landscape of best practices. Personal self-reflection and goal-setting is a featured component of the seminar and participants are provided the time to thoughtfully examine and define purpose and aspiration for themselves. Time is provided to address Society issues, both at the chapter level and service beyond the chapter.

Members who attend the seminar are responsible for their own travel. There is a \$150 commitment fee for those accepted; however, many chapters willingly pay this fee. All materials are included as is the hotel room (double occupancy), and all meals and snacks except for Monday night's dinner. That meal is a great opportunity to visit one of the local restaurants with those who enjoy the same type of cuisine.

In addition to applications being available on the Florida State website, applications will be available and accepted at the Fall Workshop and at all District Meetings. The Seminar is held only once each biennium, so this is your chance to be a part of a very special group of women educators from Florida who come together to grow professionally and personally, while strengthening our Society at the chapter and state level. Sign up today!

## Florida State 2019-2021 Educational Excellence Committee



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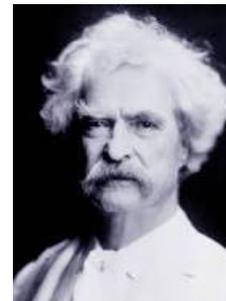
The Educational Excellence Committee promotes programs and projects for excellence in education. The committee supports programs of action that promote the personal well-being, intellectual growth and global awareness of women educators; encourage a focus on the arts and develop strategies that will enable chapters to encourage members to become leaders.

The Florida State Educational Excellence Committee will meet at the Florida State Fall Workshop & Board Meeting in September. The committee will prepare a workshop for the district meetings to be held this spring that will be informative for members to grow personally and professionally.

### Committee Members

**Mary Jo Holleran, District VI, Consultant  
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### Inspirational Quote from Mark Twain:



***"Some people get an education without going to college. The rest get it after they get out."***



**District I Meeting:  
 "THERE'S NO STOPPING US  
 NOW!"**

Saturday, January 25, 2020  
 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CST)  
 Eastside Baptist Church  
 4785 U.S. 90  
 Marianna, FL 32446

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**Plan to Attend  
 One or More of the District Meetings.  
 See You There!**



You are cordially invited to District II's  
 Modern Woman's Tea  
 Saturday, February 1, 2020  
 Asbury United Methodist Church  
 16 College Drive  
 Orange Park, FL 32065



## District III Prepares for Grand Slam

**Yvonne M. McShay**  
District III Director



Using the theme "**Grand Slam**," I invite you to enjoy the Reader's Digest version of District III happenings. The District consists of 14 winning chapters stretching across Tampa Bay and beyond. One chapter includes members from three counties, one county includes members from three chapters, and one chapter consists of members from three cities. The committed chapter presidents, serving as team captains, wear their red ribbon with an assortment of pins to celebrate their accomplishments. They set out to navigate the landscape from Beverly Hills to Safety Harbor then to Winter Haven to invite rookie initiates to join our team of champions, and they do!

**March 7, 2020**, the day of the championship game, will feature a line-up of dynamic players. **Florida's State President Dr. Nancy Henning** will throw out the first pitch as she shares her 2019-20 goals with all participants. Other state leaders, and a field of educators from District III, will present enlightening sessions. We are anticipating bases loaded with an accomplished speaker, professional entertainment, and a delicious lunch, all of which will contribute to making District III's "Grand Slam" a memorable activity.

We ask you to save the date  
and become a participant.

**Date:** March 7, 2019

**Game Time:** 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM



**Stadium Location:**  
Polk State College (off 98 S.)  
"LTB building"  
3425 Winter Lake Road  
Lakeland, FL 33803

**Park:** In the lot directly in front of the building

**Casual Attire:** Wear baseball paraphernalia  
or your favorite team colors

If you aren't a State Officer or District III member  
and you would like to attend the game,  
you may request the registration form  
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## District IV Meeting Invitation

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Let the race begin  
District IV meeting is near.  
Get your gear all ready  
Leap Day of Leap Year.

February 29, 2020  
Reserve this date.  
District IV Champions are convening  
Don't be late.

FUMC Wesley Center  
In Clermont is the place.  
All DKG sisters are invited  
To this important race.

Registration begins early,  
Lots of surprises to find.  
Fun while we work  
Stimulating the mind.

Making Chapters grow stronger  
Go farther, be greater for all.  
Great food, ideas, friendships  
Please accept our call.

Don't forget to come early  
**Friday, February 28** when you wake.  
Journey to beautiful Clermont  
For pontooning on the lake.

**Here are preliminary details, so save the date!**

**Who:** District IV Champions  
DKG Florida State Organization  
**What:** DKG FL State District IV Meeting  
**When:** February 28-29, 2020  
**Where:** First United Methodist Church  
Wesley Center  
950 7th Street  
Clermont, Florida. 34711

**Registration opens October 26, 2019.**

**District V Meeting:  
One World ~ DKG  
A United Nations of Education.**

**Myrna J. Santos, District V Director**  
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The District V Meeting will take place on March 14, 2020. The theme is *One World ~ DKG- A United Nations of Education.*



It is our goal to inform you, as well as, entertain you! We aspire to do this by acquainting you with the liaison between the educators of Delta Kappa Gamma and the United Nations, a deep and true bonding of which very few members are aware. There will be colorful attire from the member countries and fun facts! Mark your calendar with the information below:

**Saturday, March 14, 2020  
8:15 AM – 2:15 PM**

**Nova Southeastern University**  
**Carl DeSantis Building, Room 3000**  
(Home to the H. Wayne Huizenga  
School of Business)

We will be staying at the La Quinta by Wyndham located at 7901 Southwest Sixth Street in Plantation which is a newly renovated facility. Because of our connection with Nova Southeastern University, we will be getting the NSU rate of \$109 per room! Registration and a deluxe continental breakfast will begin at 8:15 AM. The registration form, schedule, and more details to follow.

**Take Me  
to the District VI Meeting!**

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**We hope to see you there as we are  
\*\*HONORING OUR ALL STARS!\*\***



**Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8:00 AM**



**Carlisle Inn**  
3727 Bahia Vista Street  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
844-369-2275

Standard 2-Queen Room  
Rate \$149+tax  
Use room block code RB0327  
Reservation Cut-off date is: February 1, 2020.

Any reservations after this date  
will be subject to availability.



**Florida State Organization's  
Featured Artist from the  
2019 Betty Thornton Arts & Crafts  
Gallery:**



**Anna Rose Pauley**  
from **Gamma Delta**  
**Chapter** is  
photographed  
at Daughters of  
American Revolution  
(DAR) Constitution  
Hall in Washington,  
D.C.

**Anna Rose Pauley** of Lake County has been an active member of **Gamma Delta Chapter** in **District IV** for 38 years. She served as President and Chair of several committees; most notably, the Scholarship Committee for several bienniums.

She worked as an elementary teacher and guidance counselor. Anna Rose is married to Ed, also a retired Lake County Educator. They have a married daughter, Erin.

Her interest in quilting goes back to her childhood, as she watched her mother and grandmother make quilts by hand. After retiring, she decided to take lessons at a Clermont Quilting Shop to make quilts on a sewing machine. Her philosophy is, "Don't worry about how hard it is or the time it takes to do it. **JUST DO IT!** Do what you love." Some quilts take 1-1 ½ years to complete.

She is a member of the American Quilting Society and has attended the AQS Quilt Showing in Paducah, Kentucky, and even made one of the quilt



national winners. AQS has a showing in Daytona Beach, Florida, every February. The next one is February 26-29, 2020. She attends the showings for ideas and motivation. You can watch famous quilters at their craft and/or take lessons from renowned quilting instructors, shop for fabric, sewing machines, and quilting supplies. Shown above is her table runner, wall hanging, pot holder, and place mat.



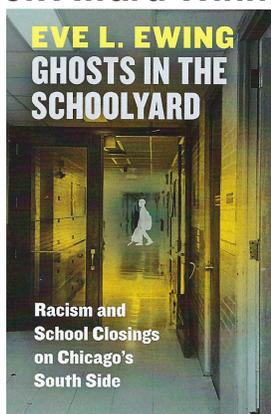
## Love to Read?



## Join the DKG Book Club!

1. Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).
2. Sign in with your membership number and password.
3. Click on MyDKG Tab.
4. Click on Communities.
5. Select DKG Book Club and complete information.
6. Subscribe and write topics to share with others.
7. Please post! The value of the community lies in its members contributing.

## 2019 DKG Educators Book Award Winner:



### *Ghosts in the Schoolyard* by Eve Louise Ewing

The closing of a neighborhood school is never easy and has a profound impact on the students, parents, and neighborhoods. It is often a gut-wrenching event that troubles the entire community. Captivating the reader with a strong narrative the author provides a close look at the closure of schools in the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago. In doing this, she provides insights into all school closings and the effects on their communities. There is power in telling a story, and she writes that she is telling “a story rather than the story,” leaving the reader with a deeper understanding of the issues. The story reads much like a novel, yet it has end notes, a bibliography, and a discussion of her research methodology.

Eve Ewing writes, “What is the history that has brought us to this moment?” This describes well her analysis of the events. The reader will be touched by the story and leave with new insights into the deep roots of racism and poverty. While at first glance this book appeared to have appeal to a limited number, it actually is an in-depth analysis of one event which has broad implications.



Eve Louise Ewing is a sociologist, author, poet, and visual artist from Chicago. She is an assistant professor at the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago.

## Arts and Humanities: Fine Arts Gallery

**Carol Ann Casey**  
**Jury Member 2018-2022**  
**DKG Arts and Humanities**

The Fall Executive Board Meeting and Workshop is almost here and so is the opportunity to find out more about the DKG Fine Arts Gallery. An Arts and Humanities Jury docent will be taking you on an exciting tour. Explore and appreciate the Gallery and how to submit your works of art to the International website gallery. Meet some of our talented members that have or had works in the Gallery. They will be sharing some of their works with you, give you some background of what inspired them to create their pieces and other interesting aspects of their submissions.

The Gallery opened in 2013 with only 17 pieces in a jumbled fashion. In the last gallery (February 2019) we had 135 entries from 85 artists grouped into four categories, to enable quick access:

### **Music**

### **Video**

### **Visual Art**

(photography, painting, drawing, mixed media, crafts, sculpture and printmaking)

### **Writing**

(poetry, essays and short stories).

During the session you will find out and be shown how easy it is for you to submit to the Gallery. Come, then decide that you too can share your talents with your many DKG sisters.

Plan on submitting some of your art during the present submission period, August 15 – September 15 or from January 15 – February 15. Whether your passion is in the written arts, performance arts, 2D or 3D visual arts or even a combination of two of these, we have a category for you.

“Creative work is a gift to the world and every being in it. Don’t cheat us of your contribution. We look forward to celebrating your work.”

You say you do not have any artistic talent, but enjoy experiencing all forms of it. Come, find out how you can visit our Gallery and take it all in. Looking forward to meeting you. Put us on your workshop schedule.



## Florida Members in Iceland

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On July 22, four Florida DKG members, **Dr. Nancy Henning, Roxanne Berger, Merle Jones, and Carrie Frye**, flew overnight to Reykjavik, Iceland, to attend the Professional Research and Practices International Conference. After checking into the hotel, where Bobby Fischer played Boris Spassky in the world-famous chess match, sightseeing and lunch in the city were in order. The weather was spectacular making for a very pleasant afternoon stroll about some most noted city sights: the beautiful and uniquely designed performing arts center; the site where Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev met for the summit regarded as the beginning of the end of the Cold War; Hallgrimskirkja Church, the tower from which one can view the entire city; and streets lined with beautiful flower gardens.

The next day, Nancy attended training provided for incoming state presidents while the remaining three ladies took a nine-hour tour of the southern coast. Some sights included beautiful waterfalls, glaciers, the well-known black-sand beach, puffins, lava fields and green mossy terrain.

Nancy and Carrie were in training sessions on the following day while Roxanne and Merle had the privilege of attending a beautiful organ and cornetto concert in the famous Hallgrimskirkja Church. The conference opened late afternoon with inspiring speakers. Afterwards, attendees traveled by bus to a local golf course clubhouse for an evening of socializing and experiencing foods and music from Iceland. The view from the club house with a lake, some mountains and



a perfect sunset made for a perfect setting.

The first full day of the conference was packed with impressive speakers and interesting breakout sessions. The two youngest speakers are destined to do great things, one of which may be to visit FL to speak at one of our state meetings.

On the final full day, all four Floridians took a ten-hour tour, the Golden Circle and Secret Lagoon, and experienced memorable sightseeing opportunities: the Gullfoss Waterfall, stable for the unusual Icelandic horses, UNESCO World Heritage Site, craters, geysers, a privately owned greenhouse, sight of remains of earthquake damage, and sampled more Icelandic foods. What a quick trip filled with many memorable experiences! Join us when we head for Finland in 2021!



## State Officer Training



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The 2019 – 2021 Florida State Organization Officers met in Jacksonville on August 1-2, 2019, for training provided by **President Dr. Nancy Henning** who just three days earlier returned from her training in Iceland. Newly received information was shared and officers participated in team building activities.

Plans were formulated for the September 2019 Fall Executive Board Meeting and ideas were shared for remaining state meetings for the biennium. The team of officers left energized and eager to work together to meet the needs of Florida members. Some minor changes will be noted at state meetings; however, the focus will be on working together to nurture our chapters. **Together We Can!**

A special note of thanks to **Roxanne Berger** for hosting the training meeting.



## Communications & Marketing Committee

Angie Wright-Nash, Chair

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As we move into a new year, look at how your chapter conducts business and ask your members two questions:

***How well do we communicate?***

***How well are we marketing ourselves to new members?***

If you're not getting solid answers to both of those questions, perhaps it's time to reexamine your processes, get rid of what's not working, and brainstorm some new ideas!

When it comes to communication, how is information distributed to the members? Do you have a newsletter? Is it e-mailed or is it mailed in hard-copy format? Do you do both? Do you have a website? Do you publish your events calendar? Do you have a communications plan with processes in place that covers your tech-savvy members, as well as those who are more comfortable receiving a phone call than a text message? As we continue to grow as an organization, we are collecting a mix of members ranging from those who might not even own a smartphone to those who run networks for a living. It's our job to make sure we're communicating with all our members, meeting them where they are, and offering to move them forward if they choose.



And then there's marketing. How are you reaching out to potential members? Do you look around at your meetings and think, "My chapter is large, and we're doing okay," and think that marketing isn't really an issue right now? What happens when all your chapter sisters reach retirement, and nobody is out "rubbin' elbows" with potential new members anymore? We need to continue our marketing efforts, and we need to continue to explore new and innovative ways of doing just that. These include but are not limited to mentoring early career educators, talking to colleagues, networking at community events, and maintaining our track record of dedicated service projects.

Hopefully, all the questions in this article will give you some talking points to establish a communications plan for your chapter. There are a lot of questions from which to choose! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or to your district's C&M committee representative if you need our support! We're here to make sure that your communication is clear, and your marketing is on-point!

## Florida State Organization History: Chapters Celebrating Sixty Years



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Part II of our Florida (Mu State) history continues with the recognition of seven chapters celebrating sixty years during the 1958-1959 biennium. Please note there were no chapters organized during the 1948-1949 biennium.

**In 1958, the following chapters  
three were organized:**

1. **Alpha Beta Chapter**, representing Duval county (Jacksonville).
2. **Alpha Gamma Chapter** with members from DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties.
3. **Alpha Delta Chapter** representing Lee County.

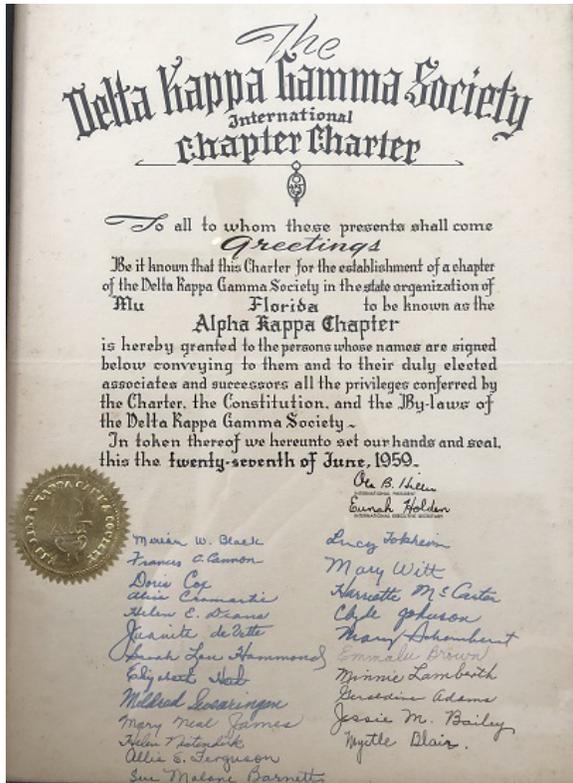
**In 1959, four additional chapters  
were organized:**

1. **Alpha Etta Chapter** representing Orange & Seminole counties.
2. **Alpha Iota Chapter** which included Hillsborough, Manatee & Pinellas counties.
3. **Alpha Kappa** representing Leon (Tallahassee) & Franklin counties.
4. **Alpha Lambda Chapter** representing Leon (Tallahassee) & Franklin counties.

## Chapters Share Their Vision

### Alpha Kappa Celebrates 60 Years

It was a warm and bright Thursday morning when the ladies of **Alpha Kappa** gathered to celebrate the 60th birthday of their chapter and its charter members. The date was June 27th, exactly 60 years to the day since the chapter's charter. As the women entered the elegant a la Provence restaurant in Tallahassee, they picked up their name tags and were greeted by **Rhonda Work**, AK's financial guru and forever treasurer. As the DKG sisters moved into the room, they admired the beautiful cake and the display of Alpha Kappa projects, awards, and achievements. What caught their eyes, was the original chapter charter signed by the 23 women who started AK in 1959.



The sisters mingled with one another, greeting members, long-term and new. There were 32 sisters present for this celebration, including our **District I Directors, Kathy Diesner and Linda Wunderly**. We were pleased that **Beta Phi's President, Susan Simmons**, joined us as well. We were blessed to welcome and honor, **Anne Black**, a 50+ year member of Alpha Kappa. Thank you **Carole Jo Hardiman** for bringing Anne to join the celebration.

As the members selected their seats at the tables, photos were projected of Alpha Kappa members, past and present, participating in all aspects of the

chapter's projects and activities. This slide show ran throughout the celebration and was prepared by **Connie Lewis**, the communication chair, with appreciation to AK past-president **Susan Vinson** for the technology set-up. The tables were beautifully decorated in red and gold, courtesy of one of AK's newer members, **Patti Casey**. The entire room glowed with Delta Kappa Gamma colors, setting the stage for a gala celebration.



When everyone was seated, **Delores Hudson**, the celebration chair, welcomed everyone and acknowledged the hard work of her committee, who planned the event. **Susan Watson**, AK President, was introduced and presided. AK member **Monica Hayes** spoke of the "occasion." Reflecting on AK's 60 years, she spoke about the 1960s as a decade of change and progress. Monica said she appreciates the sisterhood and companionship she has enjoyed in AK. She recognized our members as life-long learners who continue to enrich the lives of others. A vocalist and guitarist who is a graduate student of AK member **Alice Ann Darrow**, College of Music at FSU, entertained us by singing three songs accompanied by her guitar. The final and most poignant selection was **The Rose**.

**Gale Workman**, AK vice president, presented the program: "We Stand on Their Shoulders: Alpha Kappa Charter Members, 1959." To begin, Gale took us down memory lane by having us reflect on what was happening locally, nationally and internationally in June 1959. Twenty-three incredible women founded our chapter. Gale researched each woman and prepared a slideshow of photos, bios, and newspaper clippings. The 23 women who chartered AK in 1959 were pioneer educators. They had advanced degrees; they influenced education and educational policy from the classroom to the globe. DKG was important to them. During the programs, many of our AK sisters related fond memories of charter members they had known.

Plated lunches of Chicken Piccata, Quiche du Jour, Baked Tortellini and Spinach Salad were delivered to

## Chapters Share Their Vision (continued)

the tables. Conversation during lunch was lively, with the AK sisters telling stories of their early days in the classroom. The dining room was filled with laughter. Dessert was a large carrot cake in the shape of the numeral 60 and richly decorated with plenty of DKG red roses.



The celebration ended with the women standing to sing the Delta Kappa Song. There was no rush to leave. Women lingered to reflect on the 60 years Alpha Kappa has thrived. Conversations began to look to the future: How AK sisters, who are key women educators, will impact education worldwide.

For further information, contact Connie Lewis, Communication Chair, at [lewisc47@comcast.net](mailto:lewisc47@comcast.net). The program slides and chapter event slides will be available for viewing on the website at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Events.html>

### Delta Xi Celebrates its First Anniversary

In May, our newest chapter, Delta Xi, celebrated its first anniversary as members of Florida State Delta Kappa Gamma, by honoring our twelve founders and inducting its 30th member, Pat Rusk. The group of retired educators from The Villages has grown from 16 charter members to 30 members in just one year.

The chapter is led by the executive board: President, Marilyn Freeman; 1st Vice President, Jane Bakke; 2nd Vice President, Lillian Burcham; Secretary, Dr. Margie Hunt; Treasurer, Gail Feind; and Parliamentarian, Jean Flake. Membership Chair, Dr. Sheila Drake has been an outstanding helper in the growth of this chapter.

Eight members attended the Florida State Convention in April and five members attended the SE Regional Convention in Asheville, NC. During the 2018-

2019 school year, Delta Xi held nine meetings with an average of 19 members attending each meeting. This chapter is made of retired professionals involved in volunteer work, educational studies, traveling, and much more.

### Eta Chapter

**Eta Chapter** hosted Dr. Tiffany Kruger at their spring meeting in April. Dr. Kruger is an ophthalmologist in Crestview, Florida, and a daughter of **Tereesa Gommillion** who is a member of Eta Chapter. Members enjoyed a very informative presentation on cataracts and eye care. Eta Chapter is also proud to announce that we retained all 28 members including two new inductees this year and reinstating a former member.

### Mu & Beta Lambda Chapters



**Florida State Treasurer Beverly Stagg** from **Beta Lambda Chapter** and **Florida State Membership Committee Chair Cathy Tweeddale** from **Mu Chapter** represented Florida at the Leadership Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

### Phi Chapter Honors 50 Year Members



**Phi Chapter** honored **Pamela Kitching** and **Gladys (Nick) Williams** for 50 years of active membership with a surprise luncheon reception.

## A Celebration of Life: Being a DKG Woman



### Dr. Betty R. Adams Epsilon Chapter District V May 22, 2018 Homestead, FL

**Dr. Betty Adams**, of Homestead, Florida, passed away on May 22, 2018. She retired as an assistant principal at Redlands Elementary School.

Betty was inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1957. Her membership in Epsilon Chapter was very important to her, and she felt strongly about what an honor it was to be a member. Betty was an active member for a long time until the last few years when her health failed, and she was unable to attend meetings.

### Dr. Patricia L. Baldauff Gamma Gamma Chapter District II May 18, 2019 St. Augustine, FL



**Patricia L Baldauff**, age 83, of St. Augustine, FL, passed away peacefully in her home on May 18, 2019. She was born Patricia Lee-Ann Lansdell in Atlanta, GA,

on November 20, 1935. Pat spent her younger years in Jacksonville, FL. She attended the University of Florida where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. She received her Master of Arts in Teaching from Rollins College.

She spent time in various Florida cities before moving to St. Augustine. She taught at Forest City Elementary in Seminole County before teaching at The Webster School in St. John's County. Pat retired from the Florida school system after a career teaching in the elementary school gifted program.

She also spent time as an adjunct instructor at Flagler College. She contributed personally and professionally to creative writing programs, children's theater productions, and served on numerous councils during her lifelong career. Since 1991, Pat was a supportive member of the **Gamma Gamma Chapter** of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She was an avid reader and sports fan. Her enthusiasm for the Gators and Jaguars will be missed.

### Dr. Sarah Anne Black Alpha Kappa Chapter District I July 30, 2019 Tallahassee, FL



**Anne Black** passed away on July 30, 2019, at 88 years of age. She was born September 5, 1930, in Savannah, Georgia. Anne grew up in Baxley, GA. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia in 1951 and a Masters of Educa-

tion degree from Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, Georgia in 1960.

Her teaching career spanned 34 years. She began teaching in Appling County, Georgia, where she was named Teacher of the Year in 1959. In 1960, she taught at the Demonstration School at Florida State University. In 1973, she co-authored Florida: Its Heritage and Horizons which became a state-adopted textbook for fourth graders. Anne retired from FSU in 1985 and afterwards worked for the Florida Legislature where she proofread legislation for 26 years.

Since induction in April of 1961, Anne Black was a very active member of Alpha Kappa Chapter. She served as treasurer from 1986 to 2000. She was chair of several committees including nominations and hospitality. For many years, Anne graciously arranged for Alpha Kappa Chapter's annual August kickoff meeting to be held at Westminster Oaks where she was a resident. In 2018, Anne was honored for more than 50 years of membership in DKG.

### Mona P. Goldstein Omricon Chapter District V July 23, 2019 Miami, FL



On July 23, 2019, **Mona Goldstein** of Miami, Florida, passed away at the age of 90. She was born on September 28, 1928. Her love of children led her to a career

in elementary school as a teacher, assistant principal, and later as a principal. Mona authored several books, including one for beginning teachers.

In 1988, Mona was inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma. As an active member of **Omicron Chapter**, she regularly attended meetings expressing a very positive attitude toward life. She also participated in and contributed to chapter projects.

Later in life, Mona took up painting. She could make anything grow, especially her orchids. Mona and her husband were one of the founding families of Temple Beth Am.

**Jane C. Hart**  
**Beta Xi Chapter**  
**District V**  
**July 1, 2019**



**West Palm Beach, FL**

**Jane C. Hart**, a longtime resident of West Palm Beach, FL, formerly of Norwood, MA, passed away on July 1, 2019, with her family in New York. Jane was a graduate of Norwood High School, the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Science degree, and Sam Houston State University with a Masters of Education degree.

She taught science education and retired from the Palm Beach County School District in 1999. While leading the district science department, Jane implemented the Palm Beach County Science and Engineering Fair in 200 schools while employing the latest science programs.

She was named "Outstanding Science Educator" by the Florida Association of Science Teachers in 2007, inducted into the Palm Beach County School District Hall of Fame in 2008, and received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for Science Education" by the School District of Palm Beach County.

Since induction in 1976 into Delta Kappa Gamma, Jane was a very active member in **Beta Xi Chapter** serving as president for 6 years from 2004-2010. She also served as chapter committee chair of Membership, Publicity, and Communications. For the chapter, she started up programs such as the Holiday Visitation, Book Collections for Needy Children, and Historian. At the state level, she served on the Nominations Committee, Yearbook Committee, and as Communications Chair.

**Dr. Ruth Hyatt Kimberly**  
**Beta Eta Chapter**  
**District IV**  
**July 25, 2019**  
**Kissimmee, FL**



**Dr. Ruth H. Kimberly** was born on February 23, 1930. She was the last surviving charter member of **Beta Eta Chapter** which was founded in 1967 in Kissimmee, Florida. Although unable to participate in the last few years, she was always encouraging and supportive of the chapter activities. Ruth was a dedicated educator who positively influenced the lives of many children!

**Mary Ann McCabe**  
**Beta Kappa Chapter**  
**District VI**  
**June 24, 2019**  
**Naples, FL**

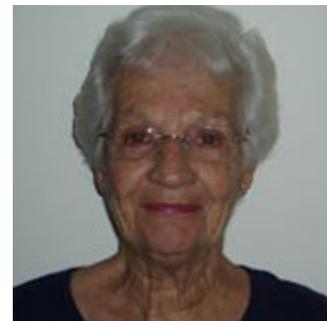


**Mary Ann McCabe**, age 82, peacefully passed away surrounded by family members on June 24, 2019. Mary Ann was born on January 20, 1937, and grew up in the Hyde Park area of Boston. She was a graduate of Boston Teachers College.

She was a dedicated educator for over 50 years who received many awards and commendations. Her teaching assignments included the Military Dependent Education System in Germany, the Norwood Public Schools in Massachusetts, and 45 years at Sea Gate Elementary School in Collier County.

Mary Ann was inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1973. As a member of **Beta Kappa Chapter**, she served on several committees.

**Annette Yaffey Miller**  
**Gamma Lambda Chapter**  
**District V**  
**June 2, 2019**  
**Juno Beach, FL**



**Annette Yaffey Miller** passed

away peacefully on June 2, 2019, at home with her family in Juno Beach, FL. She was born on November 30, 1930, in Norfolk, VA.

In 1951, Annette completed an Associate of Arts with honors from the College of William and Mary. She graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in 1966 and a Master of Education in 1975 from Florida Atlantic University.

From 1952-1959, she was a fifth grade teacher at both Berkshire and Jerry Thomas Elementary Schools in West Palm Beach, FL. She began teaching in the Palm Beach County School System in 1963 and retired in 1994. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from Florida Atlantic University in 1992, the William T. Dwyer Award for excellence in teaching from the Economics Council of Palm Beach County in 1991, and the I Make a Difference Teacher Award from the Palm Beach Post and WPEC-television in 1991.

On June 17, 2005, Annette was initiated into DKG. She was a positive and influential leader who was involved in Community Affairs, Programs, and Legislation.

**Dr. Elizabeth Concannon  
Schmidt  
Gamma Kappa Chapter  
District IV  
May 23, 2019  
Merritt Island, FL**

**Elizabeth Schmidt** passed away on May 23, 2019. She was born on July 6, 1926, in St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. She earned her Bachelor and Master Degrees from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. Upon graduation, she received the Maybelle Steeg Lammers Award for Outstanding Teacher in her field. Elizabeth taught for a total of 51

years in Indiana, Georgia, and Florida. She was a counselor at Stone Middle School and Merritt Island High School. Later, she was Coordinator of Career Education and Guidance in the Brevard School District. In 1987, the Florida Career Development Association named her the Outstanding Professional Administrator. For 10 years, she served as an adjunct professor at the University of Central Florida working with over 120 intern teachers.

**Dr. Janice P. Smith-Dann  
Alpha Kappa Chapter  
District 1  
December 18, 2017  
Tallahassee, Florida**



**Janice Smith-Dann**, 87, passed away on December 18, 2017. Dr. Dann was born in Philadelphia, PA on January 3, 1930. She enjoyed her childhood in Wheeling, West Virginia. At the age of 13, Janice's family moved near Detroit, Michigan. Her father was in charge of the manufacture of the first Quonset huts used during World War II.

After marriage and two daughters, the family moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1954. She finished a Bachelor degree in Elementary Education and Master degree at Florida State University in 1965.

Janice served as a guidance counselor at Nova High School in Fort Lauderdale and as an Educational Research Associate in Broward County Schools from 1965-1970. She later returned to the University of Florida to earn her

doctorate in educational research and testing. In 1973, Dr. Dann moved to Tallahassee to serve as the Director of Research for the Developmental Research School, also known as Florida High.

In November of 1976, Dr. Smith-Dann joined DKG. She was a faithful member of **Alpha Kappa Chapter** serving on several committees and accepting leadership roles. Later she worked for the Florida Department of Education in the Assessment and Testing Section.

**Dr. Mary Jo Stout  
Gamma Omicron Chapter  
District 1  
April 22, 2019  
Niceville, Florida**



**Mary Jo Stout**, age 82, of Niceville, FL, passed away on Saturday April 27th, 2019. She was born in Plains, Georgia, on September 7, 1936. Mary Jo graduated from Crestview High School in 1954.

She started teaching math at Ruckel Junior High in 1968, moved to Niceville High School in 1979, and taught there until her retirement in 1998. She sponsored the National Honor Society among other extracurricular positions.

Mary Jo was a constant and faithful member of DKG since 1985 and ready to serve in whatever capacity she was needed. She loved gardening, doing crossword puzzles, and spending time with family.

## Directions for Setting Up Your DKG Log-in & Profile

You will need your membership # to log-in!! This can be found on your membership card, DKG publications, or contact your chapter president or treasurer if you need assistance finding your number. You can also use the Chat feature on the DKG website to ask for your membership #.



1. Open Google Chrome or Firefox on laptops or desktops or Safari on iPads.
2. Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)
3. Click "**Sign In**" tab near top of page
4. Click "**Username**" and enter your DKG I.D.# (from membership card or DKG publication).
5. Click "**Password**" and enter the generic password **dkg2014society** OR click "**Forgot My Password**" (If you choose Forgot My Password, a new window opens. Enter your DKG I.D.# and International will send you an email with a link to change your password.) OR click on the chat feature and ask for a reset of your password.
6. Click "**MyDKG**" or your name at the top.
7. Click "**Change My Password**" and enter a password of your choice!!
8. Complete the "**About Me**" information by clicking the small pencil icon. This opens text boxes where you can type phone #, email address, & birthday. Scroll down to "**My Address**" and click pencil icon to change your address.

\* Be sure to click the **SAVE** button!

9. IMPORTANT Step: Click "**My Participation**" tab near top of page.

\* Scroll down to "**Communication Preferences**" near bottom of page. Select the check boxes for how you would like information from DKG International to be sent to you. **If you do NOT check Yes, Include my DKG Profile in the Online Directory**, no one will see your information

\* Be sure to click the **SAVE** button!

10. OPTIONAL! If you choose to enter a detailed profile, click the DKG Profile button near the top left side of "**Communication Preferences**" page.

\* A YouTube video on creating your profile can be found at:

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### Why Is It So Important to Update Your Email Address?

Print copies of the **Florida Rays** are no longer mailed using the U.S. Postal Service.

The **Florida Rays** uses the email addresses from International, and some of these have not been updated since members originally joined. Some members did not have email addresses when they joined, so no email address is listed.

Need assistance? **State Editor Bonnie Kelley** and members of the **Communications & Marketing Committee** will be available in the lobby of the Fall Workshop & Executive Board Meeting on September 20-21, 2019.

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Members are encouraged to email information to be used in the **Florida Rays** to Bonnie Kelley at [MuStateEditor@gmail.com](mailto:MuStateEditor@gmail.com)

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[www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com](http://www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com)

**DKG Florida on Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/DKG-Florida-State-Organization-128818413969052/>

**DKG Florida on Twitter**  
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**Florida DKG Educational Foundation Website**  
[www.fldkgef.org](http://www.fldkgef.org)

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**Upcoming Meeting Dates**



**Florida State Fall Workshop & Executive Board Meeting**  
 September 20 - 21, 2019  
 Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

**District I Meeting**  
 "There's No Stopping Us Now"  
 January 25, 2020  
 Eastside Baptist Church, Marianna, FL

**District II Meeting**  
 "DKG Modern Woman's Tea"  
 February 1, 2020  
 Lake Asbury United Methodist Church, Orange Park, FL

**District IV Meeting**  
 "District IV Champions - Stronger, Farther, Greater"  
 February 29, 2020  
 First United Methodist Church, Wesley Center, Clermont, FL

**District III Meeting**  
 "Grand Slam"  
 March 7, 2020  
 Polk State College, Lakeland Campus, Lakeland, FL

**District V Meeting**  
 "One World DKG - A United Nations of Education"  
 March 14, 2020  
 Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL

**District VI**  
 "Honoring Our DKG All-Stars"  
 March 21, 2020  
 Carlisle Inn, Sarasota, FL

**DKG US Forum National Legislative Seminar**  
 March 15 - 18, 2020  
 Holiday Inn National Airport Hotel  
 Arlington, VA

**The Florida Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar**  
 June 14 - 17, 2020  
 Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

**DKG International Convention**  
 July 7 - 11, 2020  
 Philadelphia, PA

**Florida State Fall Workshop & Executive Board Meeting**  
 September 18 - 19, 2020  
 Orlando Marriott Lake Mary